



Bernadine Dorothy Abuja

September 16, 1927 - October 1, 2020

Mrs. Bernadine Dorothy Abuja, born on September 16, 1927 in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Helen (Schroeder) Owczarek and the late Joseph Owczarek, passed away from cancer at age 93 on October 1, 2020 in Riverwoods, Illinois at home in the loving arms of her son John. Bernadine was the beloved wife of the late John F. Abuja, the loving mother of John (Nina) Abuja, and devoted grandmother of Ava Marie Abuja. Bernadine was the youngest of three children; her older sister Gertrude (Raymond) and brother George (Charlotte) were twins, 9 years to Bernadine's senior. She was the fond aunt of Linda, Ron, Deana, Ryan, Matt, Joey, Ron Jr., James, Claudia, and David.

Bernadine was a loving wife to the Love of Her Life, the late John Frank Abuja. After meeting at a ballroom dance in 1957 at Lewis Towers of Loyola University in Downtown Chicago, John and Bernadine were married at Saint Ferdinand's Church on W. Barry Ave. in Chicago on October 11, 1958. Bernadine said that they had a wonderful marriage of 60 years, and that one of the things that she held closest to her heart is that John loved her so deeply all through the years, and she appreciated that he never said no to her, giving her all that she had ever asked for to make her happy. Bernadine lived with and is survived by her son John Robert Abuja who she was so proud of; her loving daughter-in-law Nina (Bavaro) Abuja, and her Pride-and-Joy Granddaughter Ava Abuja.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at St. Patrick Church, 950 W. Everett Road, Lake Forest. A short visitation will be held from 10:00 to 10:30 at the church. Interment will be private.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the church is asking that everyone who wishes to attend the visitation or mass, please register in advance at <https://www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/funerals>

For additional information contact Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest (847) 234-9649. The funeral mass may also be viewed via livestream at www.asimplestreaming.com/abuja

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Church
950 W. Everett Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Tribute Wall



“ *Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Home created a Funeral Mass - Bernadine Abuja in memory of Bernadine Dorothy Abuja*



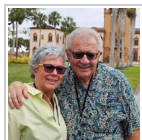
Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest - October 03, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ *Cheryl Murphy lit a candle in memory of Bernadine Dorothy Abuja*



Cheryl Murphy - October 06, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *Mary Hintz lit a candle in memory of Bernadine Dorothy Abuja*



Mary Hintz - October 06, 2020 at 08:36 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences to John, Nina and Ava and the entire family. What a beautiful life lived. May she rest in eternal peace. Sending you all buckets of love and comfort.
The Ghattas family

Tia Ghattas - October 06, 2020 at 08:20 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to John, Nina, Granddaughter Ava, and all the family of Bernadine Abuja. I know she will be greatly missed. Our families became very close through John and my son, Alan's friendship many years ago. Through the years our families enjoyed the work ethic and successes of both of them. I know she will be lovingly watching over them always. God bless. 🙏
Rita Breitbart

Rita Breitbart - October 05, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bernadine Dorothy Abuja.



October 05, 2020 at 12:15 PM